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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION/RESTRICTION

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction/Election of Invention dated December 1, 2005, applicant submits as follows:

We respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the Preliminary Amendment that was filed on July 24, 2003 along with the present divisional application. The Preliminary Amendment canceled claims 1-7, and 14-23. Only claims 8-15 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has entered a four-way restriction requirement -- Group II of which is the pending claims 8-13. The remaining Groups I, III and IV are directed to canceled claims.

Accordingly, Group II and the cleavage sequence comprising Seq ID 2 are hereby elected.

Applicants reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application prior to issuance of a patent on the instant application.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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